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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
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Appln. No.: 09/676,490

Confirmation No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED

Filed: October 02, 2000

For:

AN IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AN IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND A COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED THEREON A PROCESSING PROGRAM FOR PERMITTING A COMPUTER TO PERFORM IMAGE PROCESSING

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted", mailed December 5, 2000, for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find a Submission of Formal Drawings, ten (10) sheets of drawings, Submission of Priority Document, one (1) priority document, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 with references, executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595.

Checks for the statutory fee of \$840.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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